

# Talk to Me!

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

## Phonics

This week in phonics we have learnt the phonemes 'ow' (growl), 'oi' (coin), 'ear' (year) and 'air' (hair). We have recapped all the harder to read and spell words that we have learnt so far.

**Can you spot the digraphs and trigraphs we have learnt in any of your story books at home? Can you use your whiteboards to practise writing words with the new sounds and maybe even a simple sentence?**

## Dojo challenge!

**Can you write a simple sentence using a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces? Make sure to only use words that contain the sounds we have learnt. Words can be spelt phonetically, for example, if your child wants to write the word 'claws' then they can write it as 'clors' as we have learnt the 'or' sound. At this stage it is perfectly ok for them to write phonetically (how they hear it) and we don't worry about spelling unless it is a harder to read and spell word.**

## Flash card Game idea

**Put the flash cards your child needs to practise in a bag for them to pull out one at a time. Can they write the sound on their whiteboard?**

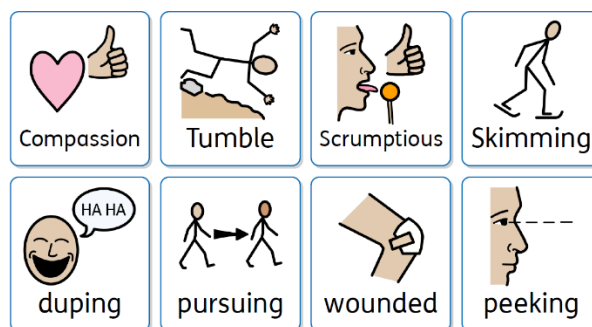
## Maths

In Maths this week we have used the nursery rhyme '5 Little Speckled Frogs' to help us understand the composition (make up) of the number 5. We used our fingers to represent the 5 frogs on the log, then moved one finger to the other hand each time to represent the frogs jumping into the pool. This was a good visual to see how many were on the log and how many were in the pool e.g. 2 on the log and 3 in the pool – 2 and 3 makes 5. **Can you use some toys or objects at home to represent the frogs (or something else) jumping into the pool to show different ways of making 5? You could have your cars drive down the hallway to 'the garage', or teddies fall off the bed. Show us some photos on Tapestry!**

## Drawing Club Vocabulary

This week we have watched a clip from the program 'Pingu'. We have learnt eight new high level words to extend our vocabulary.

Pingu Goes Fishing



**What do these words mean? Can you show me the action you learnt for the word \_\_\_\_? Encourage your child to use these words at home.**

Coming up next week...

We will be learning about minibeasts in our Animal Kingdom. In Drawing Club we will be reading the story 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. In phonics we will continue to learn new phonemes; ure, er, ow, and will learn the harder to read and spell words ball and tall. In maths we will be looking at the composition of the numbers 6 and 7, based on what we know about number 5.

**Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to learning with you next week.**

Mrs Turner